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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOC RELATIONS WITH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON VIET NAM, EXTAFF
VIET NAM DESK OFFICER JAMES INFORMED EMBOFF THAT
EXTAFF HAS CIRCULATED TO OTHER MINISTRIES PROPOSAL
THAT GOC ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
NORTH AND SOUTH VIET NAM. GOC WOULD ESTABLISH SIX-MAN
EMBASSY IN SAIGON. AMBASSADOR TO SOME OTHER ASIAN
NATION WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO HANOI.

2. EXTAFF EXPECTS TO RECEIVE GOVERNMENT'S CONCURRENCE
TO THIS PLAN WITHIN A DAY OR TWO AND HOPES TO BEGIN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAIGON AND HANOI BY JULY 20. EXTAFF
HOPE IS THAT GOC EMBASSY SAIGON CAN BE SET UP BEFORE
JULY 31, CANADIAN ICCS WITHDRAWAL DATE. THIS WOULD
ALLOW APPROXIMATELY SIX CURRENT CANADIAN ICCS MEMBERS
TO STAY ON IN SAIGON BEYOND JULY 31 AS NEW EMBASSY
STAFF.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GOC MOVE WOULD GRANT DRV SOME
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BENEFITS, WE FEEL CONTINUED CANADIAN

PRESENCE IN SAIGON AFTER JULY 31 MIGHT PROVE MOST
USEFUL IN ASSISTING ICCS REPLACEMENT NATION IN ITS
EFFORTS TO WORK ITS WAY INTO VIET NAM SITUATION.
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